GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2210
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2001
WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN KOCHI-SALEM CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to give same approval to all major proposals submitted by Kerala Government including widening of the National Highway in Kochi -Salem Corridor; and

(b) if so, the present position thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) [MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM]

(a)&(b) The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and proposals are approved depending upon the availability of funds and inter-se priority. Four laning of the portion of NH-47 from Cochin to Kerala-Tamil Nadu border forming part of Cochin-Salem spur of North-South Corridor is included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) and Port Connectivity Programme. The work of widening of four laning from Km 332.60 (Aluva) to Km 316.00 (Angamaly) costing Rs.78.00 Crore has been awarded. The balance reach from Angamaly to Kerala - Tamil Nadu border will be widened to four lane in phases and targetted for completion by 2007.